

here is good skating on the river  
Sunday large numbers of persons  
advantage of the sport on the ice.  
hundreds of people were at the river  
ing the afternoon. The ice is in  
condition in most places, but in  
spots it is a little rough. The  
ers were able to go as far east as  
aland and then back as far down  
ver as the dam.

eral of the skaters went through  
ice in places where it was not  
enough to hold them, but none  
accidents were serious. It was  
very cold Sunday and a better day  
ating could not be asked for.

fires were built along the river  
where the skaters warmed them-  
selves when they got cold.

dealers in skates have been do-  
ing good business in the past few  
days.

Many skates have been sold  
the repair men have been busy  
mending old skates. Skates can be  
at very cheaply but they are  
higher than they were last year.  
cheapest skates sell for 40 cents  
pair, while last year they were  
or 25 cents. They range up in  
according to the make and qual-  
ity. If the weather does not grow any  
warmer the skating will continue and  
a little more cold weather it  
not be long before ice can be cut  
the river.

## THE WATER WORKS.

es Put in to Heat the Building  
—Using Decatur Coal.

D. Stafford, engineer at the  
works, has been having his men  
putting in some heating pipes.  
es which were formerly used  
ing have been connected and  
along the sides of the building  
the engine room is better  
than it was before. The men  
work themselves and old pipes  
ed so that there was no ex-  
posed to the work further  
purchase of several taps for  
es.

ur coal is being used almost  
now at the water works.  
slack is mixed together and  
es about 75 cents per ton.  
bill for running the water  
r Saturday and Sunday, 48  
as \$13.47, an average of \$0.75  
24 hours.

## 100 GOLD MEDAL.

Prize Comes to Brenne-  
an & Bro. of Decatur.

quest "thoroughbred trotting  
exhibited at the Illinois state  
98 was "McW," the mag-  
station owned by D. W.  
an & Bro. of Decatur. He was  
the \$100 first prize gold  
The medal, which is in a  
e, is now on exhibition in  
ow at the Frank Curtis  
emporium, where it can be  
a few days. The engraving  
le of the trophy is: "Ill-  
Board of Agriculture, Grand  
al," on the other side are  
ds. "Awarded to D. W.  
an & Bro., Champion Stallion  
01, Springfield State Fair,  
e medal was received today.  
record is 2:12 3/4. He was  
back in 1897, but has since  
he burns at the race track,  
will remain during the com-  
e. The sire of McW, was  
McGregor; dam Lucy Wood-  
lam of four in the list, in-  
Silkwood, 2:07, and two

## ROYAL ing Powder

ade from pure  
eam of tartar.

uards the food  
ainst alum.

ing powder are the greatest  
e health of the present day.

## TRAGIC DEATHS MONDAY

Awful Gas Explosion in an  
Indiana Store.

DOCTOR AND FOUR MEN KILLED

Collapse of a Shoe Store—Damage  
\$15,000 — Mysterious Disap-  
pearance at Bloomington—  
Cycling Prize Money.

RT-SHVILLE, IND., Dec. 13.—  
Three men killed, two others fatally  
injured and the destruction of \$15,000  
worth of property is the result of a  
gas explosion in the shoe store of  
Henry Luking, in Connersville, late  
yesterday afternoon. The dead:

MNAUGHTON, J. D., plumber;  
blown 100 feet and crushed against a  
telephone pole.

O'NEILL, THOMAS, plumber;  
crushed in falling building.

READY, PATRICK, blacksmith;  
crushed in falling building.

The fatally injured:

MUTT, DR. GEORGE T., both  
legs broken; injured internally.

LUKING, HENRY, crushed.

BUCKLEY, FRANK, crushed by  
falling walls.

Henry Luking detected escaping gas  
in his store and a few minutes later  
was overcome. Dr. McNutt was sum-  
moned and plumbers were called in.  
They had just entered the building  
when it blew up with a terrific report.  
The dead and wounded men were dug  
from the ruins of the building an  
hour later.

## SHELL EXPLOSION.

ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA, Dec.  
13.—The explosion of a shell at Fort  
Constantine, Cronstadt, killed nine  
soldiers and wounded three officers  
and seven soldiers.

## MYSTERIOUS.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 13.—  
E. B. Hilber of this city mysteriously  
disappeared October 28, and no clew  
whatever of his whereabouts has yet  
developed. Hilber was for 10 years  
superintendent of a stove factory in  
this city. He recently took a similar  
position at Chicago Heights, but his  
family, consisting of his wife and sev-  
eral daughters, one of them married,  
still live here. Hilber left the factory  
where he was employed in his work-  
ing clothes and was expected to return  
in 15 minutes. His family fear he  
was murdered.

## CYCLING CASH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The win-  
ning riders of last week's bicycle race  
were paid off in the Hotel Bartholdi,  
this city. Miller, the winner, re-  
ceived \$1700, \$1500 as first prize and  
\$200 extra for beating the record. The  
other prize winners are Waller, sec-  
ond, \$1000; Pierce, third, \$600; Al-  
bert's, fourth, \$400; Gimm, fifth, \$300;  
Lawson, sixth, \$200; Aronson, sev-  
enth, \$150; Nawn, eighth, \$125. All  
the riders who did not finish or who  
finished but did not make 1500 miles  
received \$50 each.

## WILL KENT NOT FOUND

Speculation at Virden as to the  
Whereabouts of the Young Man.

VIRIDEN, ILL., Dec. 13.—Not a  
trace of the murderer, William Kent,  
has so far been found. At first it was  
thought he had gone to New York,  
where he took a course in phonology,  
but it is now believed he is still in  
Illinois. The letter he wrote to ex-  
County Judge Cowan plainly indi-  
cated that he hoped to return to his  
home here soon, not expecting any

prosecution would be made. It is the  
belief that by proper and energetic  
effort he could be easily apprehended.

## CENTENNIAL AT ST. LOUIS

Preliminary Conference for Big Cele-  
bration so be Held on January 10.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—Official in-  
vitations to the states of the Louisiana  
purchase to participate in the confer-  
ence in St. Louis on January 10 to  
determine the place and character of  
the commemorative observance of the  
Centennial anniversary of the pur-  
chase of the Louisiana territory from  
France, have been issued by Governor  
Stephens from Hot Springs, Ark.,  
where he is staying while preparing  
for the coming session of the Missouri  
legislature. The governor makes a  
strong point that the conference should  
be held on January 10, as any later  
date might interfere with the plan to  
secure the indorsement of the general  
government at this session of Con-  
gress. A meeting of the committee  
of 50 will be held within the next few  
days to begin arrangements for the re-  
ception and entertainment of delegates  
to the conference.

## GETTING AWAY

Death in the Sulphur and Arsenic  
Fumes at Butte, Montana.

SALT LAKE, UTAH, Dec. 13.—  
The Tribune's Butte, Montana, spe-  
cial says: Five deaths occurred in  
Butte, which it is claimed were  
caused by sulphur and arsenic fumes  
from the smelters. Many people who  
can do so are leaving the city to get  
out of the smoke. A mass meeting of  
citizens was called for last night to  
take steps against the deadly nuisance.

The persons whose deaths it is  
claimed were directly due to the  
deadly fumes are Edwin H. Irvine,  
Mrs. Henryetta Levy, Frank Roch-  
ester, Catherine Sullivan and John  
Goodnow.

Last night the smoke was more  
dense and suffocating than ever.  
Throats, and it is feared violence,  
might result from the public meet-  
ing.

## SNOW AT CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Dec. 13.—  
Trains from the east have been arriv-  
ing one to two hours late owing to the  
heavy snow storm of last night.  
High winds accompanied the snow  
and caused big drifts along the rail-  
roads east of this city. So far there  
has been no delay of trains from the  
south or west.

## MUSTER OUT ON JAN. 12.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 13.—  
Orders have been received to muster  
out the 3d Illinois infantry on Jan-  
uary 12. The muster out will prob-  
ably be at Springfield.

## COLDEST OF THE WINTER.

WEST SUPERIOR, WIS., Dec. 13.  
—Last night was the coldest of the  
winter—23 below this morning. No  
wind.

## JUDGE WAITE DEAD.

PORTLAND, ORE., Dec. 13.—Judge  
I. E. Waite, chief justice of the Ore-  
gon supreme court from 1859 to 1892,  
is dead, aged 85 years.

## CONDUCT OF WAR

More Side Lights of Management of  
Soldiers and Daily Supplies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The com-  
missary general of the war depart-  
ment continued his testimony before  
the war investigating commission to-  
day. It was urged that the subsistence  
department should control the trans-  
portation of all its own supplies and  
furnish means for cooking and eating.  
He said the British army was not as  
well fed by any means as our own;  
that rations as already provided for  
the soldiers were satisfactory with the  
possible addition of dried fruits. He  
spoke of the constant urgent impor-  
tunities, amounting to persecution,  
that various articles of fruit be added  
to the regular rations. He believed  
that beer should be furnished the men  
in such quantities as the commanding

officers decided best for the interests  
of the men. He would be willing to  
incur the hostilities of the blue ribbon  
societies. Referring to the complaint  
as to the beef given the men in Porto  
Rico at the outset of the campaign, he  
says the responsibilities rest on other  
shoulders than his own; that he pur-  
chased the best beef, but after the con-  
tract was entered into and beef put  
aboard ship and sent from Newport  
News General Miles telegraphed him  
that he could get beef on the island.  
Consequently the beef he shipped  
remained on the vessel, except small  
amounts, and was brought back to New  
York and thrown overboard.

## BOB PORTER'S ROSY REPORT

Return of the President's  
Special Cuban Com-  
missioner.

Views of an Observing American on  
Situation and Gen. Wood's Gov-  
ernment—Revenue Scheme  
For Cuba.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 13.—  
Robert P. Porter, the president's spe-  
cial commissioner to Cuba, reached  
port Monday from Santiago de Cuba.  
For several months Mr. Porter has  
been investigating the commercial and  
monetary status of Cuba. In an inter-  
view Commissioner Porter said:  
"Although the administration of  
affairs in Santiago has been in the  
hands of Americans not more than  
five months, the streets have been  
cleaned and the sanitary conditions  
vastly improved until the city almost  
smells sweet, and it is already begin-  
ning to resemble in many respects the  
cities of the United States. The work  
of collecting the revenue has been  
highly satisfactory, and business gen-  
erally is picking up. The Americans  
who have our interests in charge are  
employing labor; they now have about  
1500 hands and there is room for more.  
The railroads are improving, and be-  
fore long they will be extended all  
over the province."  
"What recommendations will you  
make regarding the tariff?"  
"That is a difficult question to an-  
swer at present. Colonel Donaldson,  
who, I believe, is a Philadelphian,  
has been doing good work as collector  
at Santiago, and he has the customs  
service well organized."  
"Too much praise cannot be given  
General Wood, and I was delighted to  
learn just a few minutes ago that the  
president has made him a major gen-  
eral. The general believes in the su-  
premacy of the civil government, and  
by the appointment of mayors and of  
judges of the courts he has restored  
the reign of law in the provinces  
under his control. Of course this is  
all subject to the military, but the  
general is dourous of making the ob-  
struction of the troops unnecessary."  
"In conclusion, permit me to say  
that the tariff will be arranged for the  
purpose of raising revenue for Cuba,  
and not for the benefit of the United  
States. We have endeavored to place  
the highest rates on luxuries and the  
lowest on articles for consumption,  
keeping in mind the necessities of the  
revenue. Considerable money should  
be spent on internal improvements in  
the island. The world knows of the  
bad roads of Cuba, and they should be  
put in good condition. Money is  
needed to accomplish this, and also  
to construct new roads. The tariff  
bill will probably be published within  
a week."

## CABINET VACANCY BY BLISS

Secretary of the Interior  
to Quit His Job.

PRIVATE BUSINESS THE CAUSE

Did Not Go In to Serve for Full Term of  
Four Years—Formosa Rebels  
Running Wild in  
Japan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—It is very  
probable that Secretary Bliss, of the  
interior department, will soon resign.  
He has said the step has been under  
consideration for some time on ac-  
count of a desire to devote more  
time to his private business. The  
resignation can be stated not to be  
due in the least to any differences  
with the president, or any member of  
the cabinet, but solely to personal  
business reasons. When he entered  
the cabinet it was the semi-official  
year. He said he wouldn't serve the  
full term of four years, but would re-  
tire at some favorable opportunity. It  
is presumed the official announcement  
will not be made until the president  
has selected his successor.

## ATROCITIES AT FORMOSA.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 13.  
—Terrible atrocities are reported from  
Formosa. The rebels attacked the  
villages, looting and firing the places.  
The Japanese police inspectors and  
six constables perished. The rebels  
attacked one constable who killed his  
own wife and child to prevent them  
from becoming captives. He was then  
killed by the savages.  
There is much disquietude among  
the inhabitants of Han Kow since the  
recent fire in which 3000 people lost  
their lives. Several smaller fires have  
occurred since. All are believed to  
be incendiary. Five Chinese were  
caught in the act of igniting dwell-  
ings. They were thrown into the  
flames and burned alive.

## H.E. FOSTER'S WILL

Admitted to Probate in  
the County Court.

ALL OF THE PROPERTY

Is Left the Widow, Louisa Foster,  
Who is Also Named as Ex-  
cutrix—\$100 to Each  
Daughter.

The will of the late Hickman E.  
Foster was admitted to probate today  
by Judge Hammer in the county  
court. All of the personal property  
and the lumber yard which was owned  
by the deceased, is left to the widow,  
and she is directed to conduct and  
manage the business. The following  
real estate is also left to the widow:  
Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11 in block 2 of  
Wait and Co.'s addition to Decatur.

To each of the following daughters  
is willed \$100 each: Kate A. Foster,  
Calista J. Foster, both of Decatur,  
and Mrs. Cynthia Etta Crawford of  
Mexico, Mo. The will provides that  
in the event Mrs. Foster should die  
before the testator the property pass  
into the hands of the children. The  
widow is named as executrix and is  
not required to give bond.

## PEOPLE'S CASES.

A. J. Corley and J. D. Kemp, who  
were arrested some time ago by the  
city police for making an assault upon  
a woman by the name of Mrs. Minerva  
Riley, were before Judge Hammer to-  
day. The cases were nolleed as the  
prosecuting witness had left the state  
and did not appear against the men.

Monday afternoon the following  
cases were stricken with leave:  
James Jones, gaming.  
William Gordon, petit larceny.  
Nelson Ryder, petit larceny.  
James Logue, petit larceny.  
Elmer Mullen, petit larceny.

## Another Chicken Thief.

Carl Johnson, the man who was  
charged with having stolen chickens  
from Charles Grist, appeared before  
Justice Hardy this afternoon for trial.

Other entries on the criminal docket  
were as follows:  
Grant Koontz, disorderly conduct.  
Costs paid and cause nolleed.  
Gottfried Gorko, Sr., assault. Nolleed.  
Gottfried Gorko, Sr., assault. Nolleed.  
Ed. Olesby, having in his posses-  
sion quail for the purpose of selling.  
Nolleed.

## Pay for the Troopers.

Bloomington Pantagraph: Major  
W. P. Butler yesterday received a  
draft from the adjutant general's office  
at Springfield for the pay roll of Troop  
B during its term of strike duty at  
Pana. The money will be paid out by  
check today, the total being \$8,187.33.  
The bills for subsistence, etc., foot up  
a total of \$1,040.24, and the vouchers  
for that amount have been sent to  
Springfield.

## BARBARISM IN PHILIPPINES

Hair-raising Atrocities by  
Natives in the  
Luzon.

Spaniards Robbed and Churches  
Looted by the Filipinos—Sam-  
ples of Tortures Inflicted  
Upon the Friars.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec.  
13.—The Manila correspondent of the  
Hong Kong Daily Press gives details  
of the shocking treatment of friars  
and other prisoners captured by the  
insurgents in the northern part of  
Luzon. General Seybo, who was sent  
by Aguinaldo to attack cities in the  
extreme north of Luzon, sent a report  
to his chief that he had brought the  
entire section under completely under  
the control of the Filipinos. Seybo  
also mentions in his report the cap-  
ture of 124 friars and lay brother,  
many Spanish soldiers with their  
arms and property and silver and gold  
of the value of \$900,000.

The Press correspondent states that  
from Spanish sources have come re-  
ports of terrible atrocities committed  
by the rebels. Inhabitants of the  
towns of Cagayan and Apir and other  
places in Abiranz and the Spanish  
troops relied upon promises of the in-  
surgent chiefs that lives and property  
of persons of all classes would be re-  
spected. When the conquerors marched  
in they were received with music and  
pealing bells. The invaders proved  
perfidious. They looted churches and  
robbed the Spanish civil and military  
authorities. The bishop was subjected  
to the grossest indignities. He was  
slapped in the face, beaten, subjected  
to shameful insults and despoiled of  
his clerical robes. The friars were  
beaten with sticks, kicked and hung  
up in the torrid sun for several hours.  
Natives were forbidden to render the  
fathers any assistance. During their  
greatest suffering, while hanging,  
hungry and naked in the broiling sun,  
the Chinese and natives furtively  
supplied them with food and water.

One aged friar was placed upon a  
horse's saddle and jumped upon,  
while the blood poured from his  
mouth and nose. Another, it is said,  
was clothed only in a rain coat, car-  
ried in triumph for 200 yards, then  
engaged to death amid savage cries.  
Nuns in convents were subjected to  
shameless treatment. The Tagalos say  
they will teach the Cagayanes to de-  
spise Spanish priests, the bishop, friars  
and all things ecclesiastic. Notices  
have been posted in all the towns pro-  
claiming freedom of belief, civil  
burial, prohibiting the taking of the  
sacrament, religious processions and  
church observance.

## PERSONAL.

—Miss Anne Walston left on Mon-  
day evening for Des Moines, Iowa, to  
spend the holidays with her brother,  
Dr. E. B. Walston.

—Dr. M. L. Cumming of Clinton  
spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs.  
Arthur Smith.

—Dr. Katherine Sweet is danger-  
ously ill at her home on West Fifth  
street. It is feared by her friends  
that there is not much hope for her re-  
covery.

—Miss Anderson, who has been the  
guest of Miss Anna Roberts and Miss  
Edith Lytle will return to her home  
at Owensboro, Ky., on Friday.

—Miss Lyl Stevens is suffering with  
a severe attack of tonsillitis.

## SAGASTA ON PEACE TREATY

Spanish Plan to Prevent  
the Ratification.

MADRID BUGABOO STORIES

Ex-President Marsh, of the Philadel-  
phia Bank, Sentenced to the  
Penitentiary for Twelve Years  
—Prisoner's Statement.

MADRID, Dec. 13.—It is asserted  
that Sagasta will obtain a royal decree  
dissolving the chambers before the  
ratification of the peace treaty. The  
semi-official Correspondencia an-  
nounces that Sagasta before asking  
the Cortes to ratify the treaty will  
confer with Rios, president of the  
Spanish peace commission. It is  
further asserted that owing to the  
existence of opposition to the treaty  
the United States Senate will not con-  
firm it.

## 12 YEARS FOR MARSH.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 13.—  
Gideon Marsh, formerly president of  
the wrecked Keystone National bank,  
was today sentenced to imprisonment  
for 12 years and three months, and to  
pay a fine of \$500. Marsh was charged  
with conspiracy in making false  
entries in the books and issuing false  
reports to the controller of the cur-  
rency. Marsh told the judge when  
sentenced that his predecessor in the  
presidency of the bank left a defalc-  
ation of over a million dollars and that  
he (Marsh) never profited a dollar  
through the bank's losses.

## CONGRESS

\$115,000,000 for the Nicaragua Canal  
—Supreme Court Site Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—In the  
Senate Senator Berry gave notice of  
an amendment to the Nicaragua canal  
bill providing for an appropriation of  
\$115,000,000 for the construction of  
the canal, the work to be done by the  
Maritime Canal Co., and gives the  
government a lien on the property to  
secure its claims. Senator Rawlings  
also gave notice of an amendment to  
the effect that the act will not go into  
effect until the United States secures  
by treaty the right to fortify a gar-  
rison for the canal and use it for ves-  
sels and munitions during war and  
close it against the enemy.

Senator Morrill addressed the Senate  
on his supreme court site bill and it  
was passed.

## HOUSE.

In the House the bill to amend the  
laws relating to the shipping of sea-  
men passed without division.

The House then went into commit-  
tee of the whole on the District of  
Columbia appropriations bill.

## NEW ARMY PLAN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The  
office of the adjutant general war de-  
partment, was well represented today  
at the hearing before the House com-  
mittee on military affairs, relative to  
the proposed increase in the army.  
Those present included Brigadier Gen-  
eral Schwan, Major Holstan, Major  
Simpson and Major Johnson. Gen-  
eral Schwan detailed at length the or-  
ganization of the army under the plan  
proposed in the Hull bill, which has  
the endorsement of the secretary of  
war.

Regular meeting of Decatur Lodge,  
No. 65, I. O. O. F., tonight at 7:30  
o'clock. Work in the initiatory de-  
gree.

Remember no advance in prices for  
the Kelley-Shannon engagement, ex-  
cept in the first six rows of the par-  
quet.

The sale of seats for Kelley-Shan-  
non Co. begins tomorrow morning.

Faith is nothing but spiritualized  
imagination.—Beecher.

## SUPERVISORS.

December Session Opened  
This Afternoon.

## COUNTY OFFICERS' REPORTS

Were Submitted to the Board—Large  
Amount of Bills Read and  
Referred to Different  
Committees.

The December term of the board of supervisors convened this afternoon. All were present excepting Supervisors Gorin and Bean. A committee was appointed to look after the building of a bridge over Mosquito Creek in Blue Mound township and reports of committees in regard to the building of other bridges were received.

The chairman was instructed to appoint delegates to attend a convention of supervisors and county clerks of Illinois to be held at Belleville in January.

The overseer of the poor was ordered to furnish transportation for Bill Ehrig to the soldiers' home.

Supervisor Hays, superintendent of the poor farm, submitted his financial report and the county clerk, sheriff, county treasurer and county superintendent of schools each presented their financial reports for the half year.

## GARCIA'S FUNERAL

Solemn High Mass Celebrated at  
Washington City—Honors  
of War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The solemn high mass of the Catholic church was celebrated over the remains of the late General Calixto Garcia at St. Patrick's church today. The service was notable in the distinguished gathering present. All of the honors of war that could be accorded the national hero were vouchsafed by this government on the brave old Cuban. Havana could not have turned out a larger crowd and the most radical Cuban could not have picked a flaw in the official marks of

consideration bestowed. The remains of the dead leader were escorted by two batteries of artillery and the procession moved from the hotel to the church. Inside the great audience was hushed as the notes of the organ swelled into the tender harmony of the dirge, while the cortege passed up the aisle. The casket, covered with the Cuban flag, was borne by non-commissioned officers of the United States army. The altar and chancel were draped in mourning. In the reserved pews sat Generals Miles, Lawton, Wheeler and Shafter, Senators Thurston, Proctor, Mason and Money. Those who officiated at the mass were: Rev. Joseph McGee, deacon; Rev. O. W. Carrier, sub-deacon; Rev. Clarence Woodman, O. S. P.; sermon by Archbishop John Ireland; absolution after mass by Rev. George Dougherty. There were present also Rev. D. Sharrett of the apostolic delegation; Mgr. Stepp and Rev. Dr. Rooker, secretary of the apostolic delegation.

At the conclusion of the mass the remains were transferred to Arlington with military honor and deposited in a vault, pending shipment to Cuba.

## THE FLAG UP.

Old Glory Raised at Pinar del Rio by  
the American Troops.

PINAR DEL RIO, CUBA, Dec. 13.—General Davis, with a battalion of 400 of the 203d New York, arrived here by train from Havana last night. They were greeted at the station by nearly the entire population of the city. The ceremony of raising the stars and stripes over the city hall will take place today.

### Old Cronies.

Edward Begley of Begley and Lee, who are being featured with the John L. Sullivan Co., is an old partner of Arthur Gillespie, they being members of the original "Garden City Quartette," which was very popular for several seasons. Gus Edwards of the Sullivan company, and a well known song writer, signed contracts today with Mr. Gillespie to write jointly two new songs; the ideas and melodies are furnished by Mr. Edwards, who offers Gillespie half interest in the songs to carry the out in verse. The titles will be "There's a Little Girl Who Loves You" and a Hebrew character song, "Oh, Such a Bizzness."

### WELL-TRAINED TONGUE.

With It an Eastern Paralytic Sewa,  
Embroiders, Sketches  
and Writes.

One of the most remarkable invalids in the world is Miss Tunison, a paralytic who resides at Sag Harbor, L. I. She has been helpless since birth, having only the head and upper shoulder muscle under control, and so wonderfully has she trained them to serve her one remaining member, the tongue, that it performs with marvelous quickness and skill the tasks which feminine fingers alone are wont to do. At her bidding it traces with a pencil held between the teeth outline sketches of flowers and trees; it grasps a needle, threads it and works in and out the fine delicate stitches of embroidery; it writes letters to her friends and it guides the mallet which makes music on her metalophone. Miss Tunison's tongue is a very truly member indeed. Never having had the use of her hands, Miss Tunison has thrown her full dependence upon the tongue, which, through the loss of all other members, is abnormally acute and gifted.

Miss Tunison is a bright-faced woman of 30. All day long she sits strapped to a wheeled chair, specially constructed for her. A wide board is attached across the front, something like that of a child's high chair. This is her work table and on it she has her boxes of colored crayons, her work basket, filled with spools of thread, needle books and endless little odds and ends. There too she has her writing pad and several inch and a half long pencils, sharpened by some friendly hand. When only four years old Miss Tunison began to train her tongue into usefulness. She would pick up buttons with it from her little table and with a string, also in her mouth, in some way pass the cord through the eyelet, amusing herself for hours stringing buttons. Later she began to sew.

To see Miss Tunison thread a needle preparatory to doing her embroidery makes one half doubt one's own eyes. First she takes the little needlebook from out her work basket, hying it before her, then a weight, specially made for her purpose, is taken up by her teeth and placed upon one-half of it to hold it firm while she removes the needle desired; this done, she sticks it straight up in the table before her. Then a thread is wound off the required length and cut by means of a scissors manipulated in the same marvelous way. Her tongue takes up the thread and through its exquisite sense of feeling passes it through the eye of the needle in as short a time as the average steady hand and eye require.

The bit of cambric or linen on which she is to embroider is taken out and unfolded in the same way and the weight placed upon one corner of it to hold it down while sewing. Holding the needle with her tongue she places it where desired, then lifts and throws back one corner of the cloth so as to grasp the needle from the under side and pull it through, making the stitch complete. This she does over and over again tracing and working out the most delicate designs and nearly always without an outline, save what comes spontaneously to her mind when working.

We beg to state most emphatically that we must have money and will name prices that cannot be found elsewhere. Come and make selections and we will more than meet your views on prices.

S. G. HATCH PRO.,  
J. W. RACE, Assignee.

## A HORRIBLE COAL MINE EXPLOSION

Report of a Terrible Disaster at Poteau, I. T.

## MANY MEN BURIED ALIVE

May Never be Brought to the Top of  
the Shaft—Little Hope of Rescue  
—Accident by Firing Shots  
to Blast Coal.

PORTEAU, I. T., Dec. 13.—Last night a terrible explosion occurred at the Indianola Railway Coal Co.'s mine. Five persons are known to have been killed and 23 more buried in the shaft. The explosion was caused by the ignition of coal dust after a blast was fired. The timber work of the hoist was blown far into the air and shattered. The rains immediately caught fire. Over 100 men were at work in the mine at the time. Only about half of these are accounted for. There seems but little hope of rescuing the entombed miners as the explosion literally rent the subways asunder. Three hundred tons of earth will have to be removed before they can be reached. One thousand men are working to rescue their comrades. They are driven away at times by the intense heat of the burning structure. It is probable that the interior of the mine is burning. It is impossible to ascertain the names of those killed.

### MAY NOT BE SO BAD.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—Advices to the Associated Press from Port Smith, Ark., state that only two men were killed by the explosion in the coal mine at Poteau, Indian Territory. It is believed that they were the only men in the mine at the time. They fired shots on the regular night rounds, the firing of the shots breaking coal for the next day's work. It is impossible to penetrate the mine as the entrance is blocked and the ventilating apparatus is damaged.

## ONE SHIP AFLOAT

Dewey Sends the Isla de Cuba on to  
Hong Kong.

MANILA, Dec. 13.—The Isla de Cuba, one of the cruisers sunk by Admiral Dewey in the battle of Manila on May 1 last, and which he subsequently caused to be raised, started for Hong Kong Monday under her own steam. She is of 1030 tons displacement and 2200 indicated horse power.

### SWALLOWED A WATCH.

Son of Frank Riber Eats Watch, Candy  
and All.

The two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riber of 1053 North Church street, while cutting candy from a toy watch yesterday, accidentally swallowed the watch. The watch is about the size of a five cent piece and is identical with others that are sold, covered with candy, at the confectionery stores in the city. The little fellow had been holding it in his mouth for a time until the candy became soft and the watch and all went down without difficulty. The results cannot be determined short of 36 hours but it is hoped that nothing serious will develop. The tiny stem at the top of the watch may cause a perforation of the intestine or the watch may cause a serious obstruction, but this is not anticipated. Dr. W. C. Bowers was called and is treating the boy.

### QUIET AT HAVANA.

HAVANA, Dec. 13.—The city is quiet this morning. The proclamation of Captain General Castellano for the maintenance of order is being strictly enforced.

### Spine Injured.

Mrs. W. W. Calbaugh of West Marietta street, who was injured by a fall on a defective sidewalk in the 1000 block on North Morgan street on Saturday, is yet quite ill, but her condition is not considered serious. The injury was to her spine and the full extent cannot now be determined. The ligaments were strained and she will be confined to her bed for two weeks at least. Dr. M. D. Pollock is attending her. The spinal chord is not seriously affected.

The marriage of Miss Leda Muellet and Frank Crunkshank of Atlanta, Ga., will occur at 2 o'clock on Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mueller of 151 West Wood street.

# Travelers' Samples. SPECIAL SALE of Silk Petticoats.

We bought at a very great sacrifice a manufacturer's line of Sample Petticoats. These garments are now on sale at prices which are less than the cost of the materials. They consist of Taffeta Silk, Moreen, Italian Cloth, and Sateens.

We have also marked down, for this sale, our entire line of the Celebrated Empress Dress Skirt, as follows:

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| Heavy Rustling Taffeta Silk Petticoats,<br>Reduced from \$14.00 to..... | \$10.50 |
| Fine Fast Black Sateen Petticoats,<br>Reduced from \$4.50 to.....       | \$3.25  |
| Fast Black French Silesia Petticoats,<br>Reduced from \$3.50 to.....    | \$2.25  |

In Addition to the Above...

We will show a Beautiful Line of Silk Petticoats  
of our own manufacture, specially

## Made up for Christmas Gifts.

Of Heavy, Changeable, Rustling Taffeta Silks.

Those Petticoats are made after the latest French models, perfect fitting and the newest colorings.

We are offering these Petticoats at prices usually asked for the ordinary factory products.

*Bradley Bros*  
DRY GOODS & MILLINERY  
*Decatur, Ill.*

## BARGAINS

IN

## Millinery Department.

150 Handsomely Trimmed Hats--Prices were \$3.00 to \$12.50 each. We are closing the entire stock at a little less than half price.

TAM O'SHANTERS,

A large and very choice selection, worth 50 to 75c, to close at 25c each.

## BRADLEY BROS.

## BOOST FOR BROOKE

Appointed Military Governor for the  
Whole Island of Cuba—Sub-  
Governors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—General Brooke arrived here this morning from Fortress Monroe and held a protracted consultation with the secretary of war and the president. Later it was formally announced that the president had appointed General Brooke military governor of Cuba. Each of the six provinces of the island will have its own military governor, but all will be directly responsible to General Brooke. General Fitzhugh Lee will be governor of the province of Havana, General Ludlow will be governor of the city of Havana and subject to General Lee's orders.

## ON TO ATLANTA

President and Party Leave for the  
South for the Peace Jubilee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The president and party left at 2 o'clock this afternoon for a week's trip through the south, the primary object being to attend the peace jubilee at Atlanta, Ga., tomorrow and Thursday. They will arrive there at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

There are over 7,000,000 total abstinens in Great Britain.

One dupe is as impossible as one twin.—Sterling.

### Grocers' "Stag" Feast.

The members of the Decatur Retail Grocers' association will participate in an oyster supper feast at the St. Nicholas hotel Thursday evening, December 15, at 9 o'clock. All members will meet at 8 o'clock and proceed in a body to the hotel. It will be a banquet exclusively for the grocers and it goes without saying that they will have a good time and that Landlord Napp will serve a splendid feast.

### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Luxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

### No Humbug.

Foley's Honey and Tar does not claim to perform miracles. It does not claim to cure all cases of consumption or asthma, but it does claim to give comfort and relief in advanced stages of these diseases and to usually cure early stages. It is certainly worth trying by those afflicted or threatened with these dread diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

### Holiday Rates.

The P. D. and E. Ry. will sell tickets between points on its line on December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and January 1, at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets good returning until January 3. Call on your ticket agent for particulars as to territory.—2-23d

### Lost.

Many have lost confidence and hope as well as health, because they have been told their kidney disease was incurable. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy for the discouraged and disconsolate. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

### For Kidney Troubles

There is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure, everyone who tries it will agree to this. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

### Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Bore, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

—W. W. Maltby of Chicago was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Pollock today.

## POWERS' GRAND OPERA HOUSE

J. P. GIVEN, Manager.

Saturday, December 17th.

The Young Character Comedian.

J. C. LEWIS,

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In the Rural Parlor Comedy.

## SI PLUNKARD

Entirely Re-written.

New Dialogue.

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New Scenic and Mechanical Effects.

SEE THE GREAT R. B. SCOTT, The Thrilling Machine Show.

LOOK OUT! The "Big" and his Country Band.

For the Funniest Street Parade ever seen.

PRICES—15c, 25c and 35c. Parquet 50c.

Reserved Seats on Sale the Opera House Block Store Thursday, Dec. 15.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins. Dr. Walter R. Adams.

HOSKINS & ADAMS, DENTISTS.

Powers Block, Ground Floor.

NOTICE—Will for one week teach the only

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Sale you can depend  
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When we say choice of Me  
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Men's Overcoats—\$6.50, \$8  
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## The Undisputable FACT

When Ottenheimer's advertise a cut price sale you can depend on getting what is advertised and select from the best ready to wear Clothing--For Man or Boy--that's to be had.

When we say choice of Men's all wool suits sold at \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$6.50, at... \$3.85 you can get it.

Men's fine all wool Cheviots, Wo-ster, Plaid Checks and other figure single or double breasted suits—\$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 suit for \$6.75, you can have them.

Men's fine \$10.00 and \$12.00 suits your choice for... \$8.75

When you want to see values nice Dressy Suits in all the newest shades, tailored right, single or Double Breasted Sacks or Frock Suits, in fine Black Clay, Blue Ser- ges—Fancy Worsted, all the newest styles season 1893. Suits sold at \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$18.00, your choice at... \$13.75

### Suits to Fit All Mankind—Sizes 34 to 48

Men's Overcoats—\$6.50, \$6.00 and \$5.00 Overcoat, choice at... \$3.85

Overcoats sold at \$10.00 and \$12.00 in the new and styl- ed Box Coat, fine Frieze Kerseys, etc., choice... \$8.50

Men's Finest Over- coat sold at \$18.00, choice .... \$13.90

Big Cut on Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Reefers.

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## Fine Up-to-Date HOLIDAY PRESENTS For Men.

Finest Line of Neckwear ever came to the city, Nov- elties from London, Paris and New York. New Shapes--We lead in Styles.

We are Exclusive Men's Furnishers and make it a study to have the correct styles in good goods and for little money, considering the fine quality.

New Puffs, New Ascots, New Imperials, New 4-In- hands, New Strings, New Bows and several other new shape ties.

We sell Fowles Bros.' of London and Paris, Kid Glove, the \$2.00 quality this week, \$1.49

Fowles' Walking and Driving Gloves, worth \$2.25, for \$1.69. These are the best Gloves made and sell in every large city in the world. Come and see them.

FINE SEALSKIN GAUNTLET GLOVES, worth \$22.50, for \$15.98.

Four Sealskin Gloves, Lambskin lined, worth \$15.50, for \$11.98.

Sealskin Mitts, worth \$13.50, for \$9.98.

Red Beaver Gloves, from \$4.98 to \$6.98.

Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Big Assortment. Elegant Line of Suspenders, 50 dozen to choose from. Fine Line of Real French Satin Night Shirts. Largest assortment of Shirts, Collars and Cuffs in the city.

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BIGGEST, BEST.

## EAT THE BEST. LIFE WILL BE SWEETER.

### INFERIOR GOODS SHORTEN LIFE

Therefore buy the Best only at

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### THE WEATHER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Illinois: Fair tonight and Wednesday; continued cold with colder in the extreme south to- night; slightly warmer by Wednesday afternoon or night; northwestern winds, becoming variable.

### LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.

Arnold's Bronco-Colery cure head aches. 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.

Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on any goods. Collateral, best rates. mch22-11

What makes life dreary is the want of motive.

The average height of American men is 5 feet 8 1/2 inches, and of women 5 feet 3 1/2 inches.

Why are the affairs of others always so interesting to most people?

You pay a little more for the clothes that Denz makes but—

Order Turkey for Christmas at the Royal Market.—12-dtf

Why isn't it superstitious to pick up pins at the end of a howling alley? Money brings honor, friends, conquest and realms.

The only Sir Blanco is now in the city.—12-dtf

John Goffrey, the freight brakeman on the Vandavia, who had his foot so badly crushed at Paris on Saturday that an amputation was necessary, will probably be brought to St. Mary's hospital in a day or two. His family lives here and it is thought that he may be moved safely at the end of that time.

Burdock Blood Bitters gives a man a clear head, an active brain, strong, vigorous body—makes him fit for the battle of life. Sold by all druggists.

For Sale.—A new sewing machine at one-fourth the regular price. Apply to O. Ewing, corner of West Main and Pine street.—ad-dtf

Dr. B. F. Sibley, who was injured by falling when alighting from a street car on West Pugh street last Tuesday evening, has been removed to his home. He will be able to be out in a month or six weeks.

Why send your money out of town when we take your subscriptions at publishers' prices.

L. Chodat's News House.

### MARKETS.

FURNISHED BY H. Z. TAYLOR, CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 13

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## REV. NEWCOMER'S DEFENSE.

The Rev. Newcomer, in Sunday morning's Review, attempts to defend his unpatriotic remarks in a prelude to religious services in his church a week ago, referred to by the Republic. A careful consideration of his defense shows the reverend gentleman has very erroneous views not only as to the character of his government, the relation of church to state, but as to the ministerial office as well, and that his conclusions are the result of strong prejudice rather than good practical judgment. His defense unfortunately has the appearance of demagoguery. He appeals to the prejudice instead of to the judgment of men and relies upon wild assumptions to make himself appear a fearless prophet. His defense summed up is this:

That even editors can learn, if they will, that God has spoken the truth through men, as well as by the sword; that the government is reeking and fostering in corruption though it may have been used by God to punish Spain, as God used the Assyrians to punish Israel, but that this does not prevent the seer, who has the vision of truth and righteousness, beholding the coming desolation; that Congress is full of moral leprosy; that McKinley is responsible for the continuance of the corrupt system in the army; (this he claims he would say if McKinley were a Democrat or a Prohibitionist); that Cuba has not been freed, but is being overrun by political sharks and while we boast of our humanity many are starving today; that when the secret history of the war is written it will bring a blush to every self-respecting American and that, therefore, it is time to put morality and righteousness very far above political affiliation; that it is the duty of the pulpit to smite wickedness in high places because Samuel, Elijah and Jeremiah did so and Christ arraigned the defilers of the temple while John arraigned a king and Paul plead the cause of Christ before Felix.

What the Republican took exceptions to was Rev. Newcomer's senseless and unpatriotic assault on the government, which, if made by all the ministers in the land, would bring discredit upon the church among the patriotic people of America and set it back more than a century. In self-defense he now comes before the people in a wholesale indictment of the government and our public servants, on the assumption that he is a seer and it is the duty of the pulpit to "smite wickedness in high places." No man was ever more mistaken in his facts, in his convictions, in his office and in his duty. He evidently is of the opinion that he is a "seer" who has the vision of truth and therefore is commissioned to smite wrong, of which he is the judge. Of course he concedes the same high injunction for other ministers. There are a great many good ministers and laymen who consider the Sunday press one of the most pernicious things of the present age, yet Rev. Newcomer, as a seer, places his endorsement on the Sunday press by using it to defend his unpatriotic discourse while other seers denounce the Sunday press. How is even an editor to know through which seer God is speaking? If seers can be so mistaken may it not be possible that Rev. Newcomer is mistaken in the foregoing long array of indictments he files against public servants, and his government, and in deductions. Other ministers and Christians are in favor of keeping the pulpit pure. The Republican is in doubt now as to whether he is even a good guesser, much less empowered with divine providence. He thinks now that if McKinley were a Democrat or a Prohibitionist he would still charge him with responsibility for the continuance of the corrupt system in the army. This can fairly be doubted, as the Rev. Newcomer, both in his prelude and in his defense, shows himself to be a man of very ugly and unfortunate prejudices. If anybody but a Republican were president a great many things he now discovers would not be thought of by him. He seems to belong to that class of American citizens whose notion of citizenship is that when they are not in party sympathy with the administration it should be opposed, even to the extent of creating prejudice against the government by unjust denunciation and giving aid and comfort to the enemy to break down the administration. President McKinley did not institute the corrupt system. Mr. Newcomer, as a seer, evidently considers that God has revealed to him that McKinley is responsible because he did not stop it. Without discussing the president's prerogatives in this regard, Mr. Newcomer's attitude is again called to the important fact that in this government church and state are separate. The state is not made up of seers alone, or of Christians alone, but of all citizens which includes infidels, agnostics,

doubters and every phase of society. The president and Congress represent them all. Some of the chaplains in the army organized prayer meetings in their regiments. Suppose the agnostic should imagine himself a seer and arraign the president for not stopping the prayer meetings in the regiments, what would the Rev. Newcomer think of that? The church is made up from the people who comprise the state. The vote of a member of the church, when he deposits it for the benefit of state, counts no more nor less than the vote of an agnostic or a disreputable citizen. The state has no business to interfere with the church. The church has no business to interfere with the state. It is the duty of each to be loyal to the other. The state to protect the church in its field and the church to aid in raising the standard of citizenship. Neither is justifiable in inciting prejudice and rebellion against the other. This fact Rev. Newcomer has never learned. If he had his way about it the church would rule the state or destroy the state, and the result would be what it always has been under such conditions, liberty would give way to monarchy. The supremacy of the priesthood has always been followed by the anointing of a king. A citizen may be patriotic without being a member of a church, while a Christian, who followed Mr. Newcomer's way of reaching conclusions might soon put himself in a state of mind where he would consider that he was doing God's service if he held the coat of the enemy while he destroyed the only government that ever guaranteed religious freedom.

In his prelude Mr. Newcomer uses this comparison: "If martial armaments, navies and galling guns are to buttress the Goddess of Liberty, we would better roll Plymouth Rock into the sea and drown out the history of the Republic." Plymouth Rock marks the landing of the Pilgrim fathers, who fled from religious intolerance. Mr. Newcomer assumes they searched for religious liberty and established it. Yet these people and their descendants set up a system of religious intolerance as severe as that from which they fled. Membership in the church was made a test for holding office. No one not a member of a church could hold office, or have any standing in the community. Freedom of conscience was ignored and witches were discovered and burned. Men, in spite of the teachings of Christ to the contrary, assumed the attributes of God and made themselves the judges of the hearts of men. This is the state of things Rev. Newcomer would again install. This is his idea of liberty. It was against these things that Roger Williams rebelled and for which he was driven out an exile while his traducers sang Psalms and believed they were serving God. But it was Roger Williams, the exile, who proclaimed the religious liberty, free citizenship and church and state separation which found form in the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Martial armaments, navies and galling guns, while in a sense are not the buttresses of the Goddess of Liberty, they are the protectors of the state from foes within and without. While foreign nations and enemies would not regard the church of America they have sublime respect for the American navy, its galling guns and the patriotic men behind them and the American church owes much for its freedom at home and its standing abroad to these guns and the navy. The sultan of Turkey has just notified the representative of the government that he will pay the indemnity assessed against Turkey for the interference of his subjects with the American missionaries in Armenia.

The charges Mr. Newcomer makes against the state as to political sharks in Cuba, as to McKinley and other matters, are the merest rubbish trumped up to satisfy a prejudice. Mr. Newcomer has no knowledge whatever to lead him to a fair conclusion as to whether they are true or not and the Republican does not believe he has had any divine revelation on the subject. It doubts his seership on scriptural grounds. There is no record of a preacher being a seer and in this sense Mr. Newcomer is unfortunate in making his holy office and that of Samuel, Elijah and Jeremiah synonymous. Samuel, Elijah and Jeremiah, had special missions. According to the sacred record God specially commanded each to do a special work. Each received his message from the lips of a heavenly messenger. They did not create them in their own brains. These messages were not the result of faulty thinking or of prejudice. They were directed against the priesthood as well as the kings. These prophets never rallied against the government. Their mission was to direct the kings to duty for the benefit of the nation—for its advancement. Not one of them ever carried a pullback message. These messages pointed to a brighter future for the nation. For this they were stoned by the priests and imprisoned by the kings. Some of them got discouraged, but God, who sent them, never did. Elijah once imagined because the mission he was sent on did not result as he thought it ought, that he was the only righteous man in Israel. Elijah was mistaken, just as Rev. Newcomer is, because he trusted to his own judgment and his own prejudice. God told him there were 7000 in Israel who had not bowed to Baal. If McKinley had made this mistake how Rev. Newcomer would have discovered he had a mission to attack him. Under the Christian dispensation we have no prophets in the sense that Elijah and Samuel and Ezekiel were, and the man who claims

to stand in any such relation with God are impostors. Men are commissioned now to preach the gospel, not to sit in judgment on their fellow men nor to deliver ultimatums to governments and rulers under the assumption that they are the successors of Elijah.

## Uncle Sam's Boys Praise Morrow's Kid-ne-o-ids.

The endorsement of one of our home people of a medicine should dispel all fears of humbug. We cannot afford to publish what one of our citizens has said if it was not the truth. So every statement made by Decatur people about Morrow's Kid-ne-o-ids is the truth and just as the statement was made to our representative. We have many recommendations from Decatur people in all walks of life and the one here published is from one of Uncle Sam's boys Mr. R. G. Hanks Mail Messenger who has lived here for six years. Here is what he says: "I have been troubled for some time with my kidneys, pain in my back, so I could hardly lift a mail pouch. Urine high colored and disagreeable odor. I heard of Morrow's Kid-ne-o-ids and was advised to try them. I obtained a package from Armstrong Bros. which I took according to directions. They gave me instant relief and I feel a hundred per cent better. I am going to take more although I can avoid now do my work without pain or difficulty. I tried several other kidney medicines and kidney pills but they did me no good. Morrow's Kid-ne-o-ids did the work at once. I do not hesitate to recommend them for kidney backache."

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Springfield Journal, December 12.—Plans for the construction of the electric railroad between this city and Springfield have about been completed according to statements made by Mr. Sparrow, the representative of the Chicago electrical firm. Mr. Sparrow says that he has purchased a right of way between Decatur and Springfield and expects to complete his plan this week.

The proposed new line will be the public highway from this city to Springfield thence along the Chicago road to Decatur. The map at the company interested in the construction of the line will inspect right of way next week. It is intended to commence the work of construction as soon as practicable.

The foregoing statement will cause a whole lot of talk in town, and the people in towns and farms between this city and Springfield. It is apparently but the beginning of a big scheme to connect the important towns in Illinois by electric railway, in which case will naturally follow considerable rivalry between the street electric railway companies.

If it is practical and profitable to conduct an electric line for passenger and freight service from Decatur to Springfield, the steam cars will be seriously affected. Reliable service would bring many farmers of Decatur into the market, which is as desirable "biddin'" as the plan suggested in "Shore & Sea."

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**Railroad Column**  
**R. R. TIME TABLES**

**Wabash Line**

{Corrected to Nov. 13, 1898.}

**TO CHICAGO.**

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| No. 12-Daily               | 1:10  |
| No. 13-Daily except Sunday | 9:25  |
| No. 14-Daily               | 11:45 |

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|---|-------|
| No. 5—East M. M., Daily, .....          | 12:15 |
| No. 3—Daily, .....                      | 3:40  |
| No. 9—St. Louis & Alton, Daily, .....   | 7:10  |
| No. 1—Continental Limited, Daily, ..... | 4:00  |
| No. 21—St. Louis Express, ex Sun, ..... | 4:00  |
| No. 7—Kansas City Ex. Daily, .....      | 7:20  |

TO TOLEDO AND BUFFALO.

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| No. 6—Daily, Daily, .....               | 8:20  |
| No. 10—Fast Mail, Alton, Daily, .....   | 5:20  |
| No. 21—Except Su. day, .....            | 11:00 |
| No. 1—Continental Limited, Daily, ..... | 11:30 |
| No. 12—La. & W. Alton, ex Sun, .....    | 4:30  |
| No. 9—N. Y. Limited, Daily, .....       | 11:30 |

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|  | TO QUINCY AND HANNIBAL.            |       |
|  | No. 3-K. C. Express, Daily.....    | 8:35  |
|  | No. 10—Clayton Acco n., Daily..... | 7:25  |
|  | No. 2—Daily, e. c. Sun.....        | 11:30 |
|  | No. 1—Daily.....                   | 4:35  |
|  | No. 17—to Springfield, Daily.....  | 7:45  |
|  | FROM CHICAGO.                      |       |
|  | No 13—Daily.....                   | 3:25  |
|  | No. 11—Limited Daily.....          | 8:35  |
|  | No. 12—Daily, except Sunday.....   | 7:45  |
|  | FROM ST. LOUIS.                    |       |
|  | No. 12—Night Express, Daily.....   | 1:45  |
|  | No. 8—Fast Mail, Daily.....        | 5:15  |

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| No. 24—Daily, except Sunday       | ..... | 12:10 |
| No. 25—Continental Limited, Daily | ..... | 1:10  |
| No. 10—N. Y. Limited, Daily       | ..... | 1:10  |
| No. 2—N. Y. Limited, Daily        | ..... | 1:14  |
| FROM TOLEDO.                      |       |       |
| No. 5—Fast Mail, Daily            | ..... | 12:10 |
| No. 3—Limited, Daily              | ..... | 1:10  |
| No. 21—Except Sunday              | ..... | 8:40  |
| No. 1—Continental Limited, Daily  | ..... | 4:00  |
| No. 7—8, Louis Through Rk., Daily | 7:10  | 7:10  |
| FROM QUINCY AND HANNAH.           |       |       |
| No. 10—From Quincy and Daily      | ..... | 9:10  |
| No. 4—Express, Daily              | ..... | 10:40 |
| No. 10—From Springfield, ex. Sun. | ..... | 11:40 |

No. 20—From Clayton Daily ..... 6:30  
No. 2—From Kansas City, Daily ..... 11:00

## PEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE

| Arrive from Peoria       | Arrive from Evansville   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A No. 1.....10:45 a. m.  | A No. 2.....3:00 p. m.   |
| D No. 3.....10:10 p. m.  | A No. 4.....7:30 a. m.   |
| A No. 11.....2:30 p. m.  | S No. 36.....7:15 a. m.  |
| S No. 40.....11:10 a. m. | S No. 40.....11:10 a. m. |
| Depart for Peoria        | Depart for Evansville    |
| A No. 2.....3:00 p. m.   | A No. 1.....10:45 a. m.  |

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| Eu-<br>CKER<br>am-<br>it | A No. 4.....6:35 a. m.<br>A No. 80.....7:20 a. m.<br>A No. 10.....10:35 a. m.<br>S No. 40.....8:30 p. m.<br>"A"—Daily Except<br>Sunday. | D No. 8.....10:20<br>A No. 11.....8:00<br>S No. 40.....11:30<br>"D"—Daily,<br>day Only. |
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**Vandella Line.**  
In effect Oct. 1, 1894.  
DEPARTS EAST.  
No. 84—Freight, ex. Sunday..... 8  
No. 12—Except Sunday..... 2  
No. 8—Except Sunday..... 2  
FROM THREE HAUZE.

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| No. 7-Except Sunday.....        | 10 |
| No. 88-Freight, ex. Sunday..... | 6  |
| No. 21-Except Sunday.....       | 7  |
| DEPARTS WEST.                   |    |
| No. 6-Ex. Sunday.....           | 7  |
| No. 88-Freight, ex. Sunday..... | 7  |
| No. 7-Ex. Sunday.....           | 10 |
| FROM FLORIDA.                   |    |
| No. 6-Ex. Sunday.....           | 8  |
| No. 88-Freight ex. Sunday.....  | 4  |
| No. 4-Ex. Sunday.....           | 9  |

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**Indiana, Decatur & Western R.**

| ARRIVE.          |            | LEAVE.           |            |
|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| No. 1 Pass. .... | 12:25 p.m. | No. 4 Pass. .... | 10:10 a.m. |
| No. 3 Pass. .... | 11:45 a.m. | No. 2 Pass. .... | 11:10 a.m. |
| " 7 " " " " " "  | 10:00 a.m. | " 10 " " " " "   | 8:00 a.m.  |
| " 9 " " " " " "  | 10:00 p.m. | " 8 " " " " " "  | 10:00 p.m. |

\*Daily, †Except Sunday.

**Illinois Central.**

Corrected to October 10, 1893.

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| nk. | No. 118 to Chicago via Clinton & Gliman. | 1  |
|     | No. 120 to Chicago via Clinton & Gliman. | 3  |
|     | No. 704 to Chicago via Champagn.         | 5  |
|     | No. 104 Main Line North.                 | 11 |
|     | No. 128 Main Line North.                 | 5  |
|     | No. 702 Champagn Line Mixed leaves.      | 2  |
| st. | No. 19 to Chicago via Clinton & Gliman.  | 1  |
|     | No. 117 Diamond Special to St. Louis     | 1  |
|     | Pana.                                    | 1  |
| T.  | No. 119 Daylight Special to St. Louis    | 1  |
|     | Pana.                                    | 1  |
|     | No. 126 Main Line South to O'Fallon.     | 12 |

**R.**  
No. 1 from Main Line South to Cairo..... 4  
No. 181 Local Freight South..... 7  
No. 703 from Chicago via Champaign, arrive  
10  
No. 701 from Champaign Mixed Train arrive  
10  
\*—Daily.      †—Daily Except Sundays

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**I., D. & W. Railway Excursions**  
The I., D. & W. railroad will sell excursions at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:  
Home seekers excursions to principal

**WABASH EXCURSIONS**  
The Wabash Railroad will sell on

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For the Christmas and New Year's tickets will be sold at the usual low

DEB. 28, 29, 30 and 31, May, and 1 and 2 tickets good for the full fare 4  
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 in the South, Southwest, West and No  
 on the first and third Tuesdays of each  
 good returning every Tuesday or Friday  
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 advertising matter, write or apply to  
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 road, Doctor, Fla.

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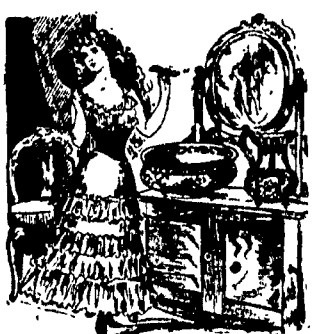
The Vandalia Railroad will sell tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

Homeseekers' excursions to principally the South, Southwest, North and Northwest on the first and third Tuesdays of each month returning every Tuesday or Friday, twenty-one days. One fare plus 25 cents for trip.

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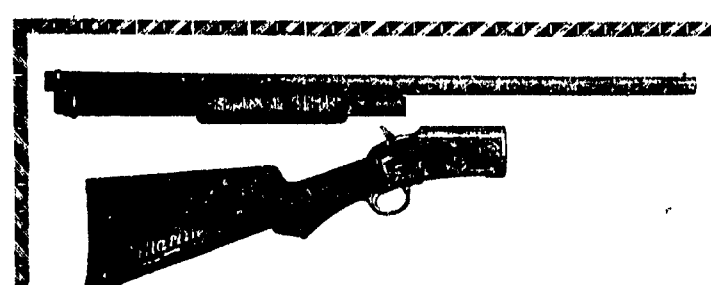
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Who is Sir Blanco?—2-dtf

The county board is in session.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keel.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Attend the revival meetings this week at the Presbyterian church.

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-dtf

At the meeting of the Young People's Temperance union at the Christian tabernacle this evening Rev. Knight of Harriestown will be the principal speaker. Rev. J. T. Finley will also talk and Miss Pearl Leib will recite.

Sir Blanco will soon appear.—12-dtf

Roast Pig for Christmas at the Royal Market.—12-dtf

Do you want plastering done? If so (telephone 1462, old phone. Decatur Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—5-dtf

A fine piano is just the thing for a Christmas present that will be a messenger of perpetual pleasure and delight. See the Chickering and Puckers at the C. B. Prescott music house.

Ladies, take your silk-lined dresses, blouses, jackets and capes to be dyed or cleaned to H. H. Miller, the dyer and dry cleaner, 145 North Main street. We defy competition in fine dyeing and dry cleaning on ladies' and children's garments. We also dye, clean and cut tips and plumes, 145 North Main street.—10-dtf

Ladies' night at the Decatur club will be postponed this month on account of the many holiday festivities or the last week in the month. The club will give the annual New Year's reception.

George F. Fruit, who opened up the delicatessen in the room formerly occupied by Arthur Smith, the haberdasher, on last Saturday evening, has a very neat and up to date place of business. His fixtures are of oak and with the handsome plate glass show cases present a fine appearance. Mr. Fruit was for two years traveling salesman for the William Wrigley, Jr., & Co., chewing gum manufacturer of Chicago.

**Teams Wanted.**

At once at Fletcher's bank, southwest of the city, to haul gravel. F. J. McDonald.

**Married.**

Warren Armstrong and Miss Lizzie Hoffman, both of Chicago, were married at the European hotel on Monday evening, Justice James O'Mara performing the ceremony.

**Holiday Rates Via I. C. R. R.**

For Christmas and New Year holidays the Illinois Central will sell tickets within a distance of 200 miles at rate of one and one-third fare round trip. Good going December 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1899, and January 1 and 2, 1900. Good returning until and including January 3, 1899. For tickets call at city office or depot.—3-dtf

**Peace Day.**

The members of the W. O. T. I. will celebrate the national peace day at the meeting on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Rachel Pitner will lead the meeting. The subject, "Arbitration and What Can Women Do to Promote Peace," will be discussed by Mrs. Pitner and Mrs. Underwood.

**How's This?**

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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**An Extensive Trip.**

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Keller of Mo-waqua left today on an extensive trip. They will visit in Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and from there will go to California. They will return home next spring.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day.**

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

**Eighty-Seven Years.**

At the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. M. Kees, 630 East Orchard street, on last Sunday, Mrs. Ann Davis celebrated her 87th birthday. A company of about 30 friends gathered at the house.

#### PRESBYTERIAN LADIES

Complete Preparations for Their Annual Dinner and Sale.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church met at the church parlors on Monday afternoon and held the final sewing and made the arrangements for holding the annual dinner, supper and sale on Saturday. The dinner will be served in the dining room and parlors, the extra tables being added so that all business men may come at the noon hour and be served promptly without any inconvenience.

The sale will include a fancy household and domestic department. At the fancy tables handkerchiefs and fancy articles will be on sale, at the household department will be found aprons, holders, laundry bags, etc., and at the domestic table mince meat, canned fruit, jellies, preserves, pickles, etc., will be sold. There will be a display of hand painted china and the young girls of the congregation will be in charge of a table where they will display their own work in Xmas novelties.

#### RECITAL

At the C. P. Church To-Night by Mrs. M. K. Logan.

The following program will be given by Mrs. Logan, assisted by local talent at the Cumberland Presbyterian church this evening at 8 o'clock:

#### PART I.

Boudal—"Barcarolle."

Denza—"Call Me Back."

"At the Photographers."

Behr—"The Approach of Spring."

Rubinstein—"Kamomil Ostrow."

Cowels—"Once in a Purple Twilight."

"Boy Wanted."

Bartlett—"A Dream."

#### PART II.

Sarsate—"Faust."

Revegnani—"Flower Girl."

(a) "Making Her Feel at Home."

(b) "A Composition O' Goat."

Godard—"Berceuse," from Jocelyn.

Channade—"Arlequin."

Powel—"Bye, Baby, Bye."

"Daisy's Faith."

Wickodo—"Hearts Springtime."

Dramatic Soprano—Mrs. Marion Kelley Logan.

Pianist—Grace Irene Brewster.

Violinist—Roy Sauner.

Reader—Florence Dudley McNally.

Child Vocalist—Clara Phillips.

#### SCARE OVER.

Schools Open and Business Resumes Normal Aspect in Macon.

The public schools were opened at Macon on Monday morning and the regular church and society meetings will be held this week as usual. The diphtheria and scarlet fever scare has abated and the disease seems to be thoroughly under control. The prompt action of the city authorities in closing the schools and prohibiting public meetings of any sort prevented a spread of the disease. There were two cases of diphtheria and one of scarlet fever, none of them resulting fatally. The children of the families who were victims of the disease will be carefully guarded to prevent infection and it is thought that all danger is past.

#### COLLISION.

Three Buggies Were Broken in a Runaway—No One was Injured.

There was a bad collision of vehicles at the Water street crossing of the Walnut trucks Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock. A man named Davis was driving with his wife in an open buggy. Just before reaching the crossing the horse became frightened and started to run but collided with the Parlor Meat Market delivery wagon. One shaft was torn off the buggy and George Hunt, the driver of the wagon, was thrown out but escaped with slight injuries. North of the railroad track the runaway horse ran into a buggy in which were seated two men named Crockett and Lyons. The horse jumped on the buggy between the front and rear wheels, breaking them both down. The occupants of the vehicles managed to get out in some manner without being hurt.

#### Afternoon Meeting.

The afternoon meetings at the First Presbyterian church from 3 to 4 o'clock each day are very popular and interesting meetings. The services are in charge of Evangelist Fred B. Smith and the attendance is increasing at each meeting.

#### Save a Dollar.

Gentlemen, no need of buying new clothes. Take your last year's suit of clothes or overcoat and have them dyed, cleaned and pressed, repaired and refitted to look equal to new at a small expense, to Miller's Decatur Steam Dye House, No. 145 North Main street. All work guaranteed first class.—10-dtf

#### Reception.

Mrs. J. B. Bullard and Miss Bullard have issued invitations to a reception on Thursday afternoon, December 15, from 2 to 4 o'clock.

**Going Home to Spend Christmas.**

Cheap rates via the P. D. and E. Ry. during the holidays. Confer freely with ticket agent as to particulars, or correspond with A. G. Palmer, G. P. A., P. D. and E. Ry., Evansville, Ind.—2-28d

## PACKING HOUSE

Will be in Operation Some Time This Week.

HAS MODERN MACHINERY

And Is Fitted With Every Appliance for Doing Work in the Quickest Manner—Description of Building.

The big packing house which has been erected by Danzeisen and Sons south of the city is about completed and will be ready for operation next week. It is the largest establishment of the kind in the city and it is not likely that a more complete or better appointed packing house could be found anywhere. It has every modern appliance such as are used in the establishments in the large cities.

The building is of brick and two stories high. On the south side of the building is the engine room where is located the big engine purchased from the Westinghouse, Church, Kerr Company of St. Louis, and the ice manufacturing machinery which was supplied by the same firm. The latter machinery sends cold water through the pipes in the cold storage rooms and also connected with it is a room where ice is manufactured. There are 90 tanks in each of which is made a 300 pound cake of ice. The large condensers which are a part of the machinery are in a tower built on the outside of the building. On the basement floor of the building is a long hallway with doors on the east end where wagons can drive up. North of the hall way is a large cold storage room where packed meats can be kept and west of it is a cellar where the hides are tanned. A big freight elevator connects with the second floor.

The most interesting part of the establishment is the slaughtering room which is located at the northeast corner of the building. The most modern apparatus for the killing of cattle, sheep and hogs is to be used in the room. When the hoes are properly prepared they run along on tracks, are weighed without being removed from the tracks and then run on the tracks into a cooling room and after remaining there a day go into the cold storage room. From here they can be run out on a track to the door where they can be loaded into the wagons. A similar room is provided for the hogs. The killing room has every appliance for making convenient the killing of the animals.

In another room south of the one above mentioned the lard kettles are located, and in still another room there are two large tanks. In one of these will be thrown the scraps of meat and fat to be rendered into tallow. Into the other will be put all the refuse. A heating process will destroy it so that there cannot possibly be any objectionable odor. The blood from the killing room runs in troughs and empties into the sewer.

On the west side of the building there is a well lighted office and across the hall on the south side is a room where the sausage will be made. There are three machines for chopping, grinding and mixing the meat, and adjoining the room are three smoke houses where hams, bacon and sausage will be cured. There is also a steam cooker where certain kinds of sausage and hams can be cooked. The building throughout is well lighted and nicely furnished.

Outside are four covered pens for hogs and four for cattle, each provided with watering troughs and feed racks. There is a large pen adjoining the road and this enters into the other pens through a house where the cattle are weighed and inspected. A long alley leads from the pens to the back of the slaughter house. The firm expect to do all lines of packing business excepting canning. The exact cost of the building has not yet been estimated but it has been put at the expenditure of a great many thousands of dollars.

#### Lodge Officers.

Myrtle Temple, Rathbone Sisters, at the meeting last evening elected the following officers:

M. E. C.—Miss Maude McCune.

M. E. S.—Mrs. Bettie Landwood.

M. E. J.—Rebecca Randolph.

M. of T.—Mrs. Yondorf.

M. of R. & C.—Mrs. Lou Wiener.

M. of P.—Maude Davis.

P. of T.—Mrs. Beck.

G. of O. T.—Lydia Krenning.

Installing Officer—Mrs. W. E. Surface.

Trustee (for three years)—Mrs. Barbara McCune.

Past C. of T.—Emma R. Weigand.

After the election refreshments were served by a committee composed of Mrs. Cera Dillehunt, Mrs. Bettie Landwood and Mrs. Barbara McCune.

Louis Lodge, No. 312, A. F. and A. M., on Monday evening elected officers as follows:

W. M.—Enos Kepler.

S. W.—P. A. Hoffman.

J. W.—F. E. Rister.

Treasurer—J. N. Baker.

Secretary—J. S. McClelland.

Tyler—P. J. Love.

#### For the Tabernacle.

Mrs. Lombough, who lives just north of the Christian tabernacle on North Church street will give an oyster supper at her home on Thursday evening. Half the proceeds will be given to the tabernacle.

## Y. M. C. A. MEETING.

Members of the Board of Directors Discuss the Association Work.

The members of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. held a meeting Monday evening at the rooms of the association. Nine members were present. Three vacancies were filled by T. C. McIntyre, Milton Johnson, Jr., and J. W. Carter. A report of the attendance of the members for the past month made the following showing: Attendance at men's meetings 115, at Bible classes 61, gymnasium class 210, at baths 251, at the reception 150, total attendance for all purposes 1400. There were two conversions, two requests for prayer and employment found for two.

The members of the board were pleased with the results of the work and the fact that now life has been introduced in the association. It is hoped to get a membership of 500. When all who have promised to join are taken in there will be about 350 members.

This evening T. C. McIntyre will meet with the committee having in charge the New Year's reception and further arrangements will be made for that event.

Hal Hotelling, the physical instructor, will tonight organize the gymnasium classes.

## THE STAGE.

### SULLIVAN SHOW TONIGHT.

John L. Sullivan's Comedy and Big Vaudeville company will appear at the Powers Grand tonight. The company has been doing a phenomenal business and the press criticism from the different cities in which the company has appeared have been most flattering. Of course Sullivan has been given a big reception everywhere but the company has made a big reputation and the entertainment has pleased everyone who has witnessed it. The closing portion of the program is Scenes in a Gymnasium, showing the different apparatus and how such are used by the different fighters when training for a contest. To make this scene more novel and interesting the ex-champion heavy weight of America, Jake Kilrain, has been engaged. Kilrain is a fighter of the old school and like the great John L. was never afraid to contest for pugilistic honors. Messrs. Sullivan and Kilrain will illustrate blows and locks used by various fighters, and also show how fights are governed and what rules predominate during a contest governed by London prize ring rules, where battles in those days were fought upon the rod and when bare knuckle were used instead of gloves. They will close with a three-round scientific sparring exhibition.

### KELECY-SHAMNON.

An exceptional degree of interest is already manifested in the engagement of the Kelecy-Shannon company, headed by Mr. Herbert Kelecy and Miss Effie Shannon at the Powers opera house next Friday night in Clyde Fitch's successful new society drama "The Moth and the Flame." The play's success in other cities has been most complete, and it has been accepted as one of the best efforts from the pen of the brilliant young American dramatist. The production is entirely new. The company is a most excellent one, and has been favorably compared with the very best stock companies. Mr. Kelecy and Miss Shannon's merits are too well known in Decatur to require more than passing notice at this time.

### RUBE BAND.

There are many imitations of Mr. J. C. Lewis' novel and unique method of heralding the advent of St. Phunk and in each city he appears, but he presents the only baroque farce-parade which is well worth going miles to see. This novel parade will be seen here with the company on Saturday, December 17, and is funnier than a circus.

### C. E. Officers.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church has elected the following officers:

President—Miss Janne Bishop.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Ella Lindsey.

Recording Secretary—Miss Nina Backmaster.

Treasurer—Samuel McCune.

Missionary Treasurer and Librarian—John Brockway.

### A Chance to Visit Your Friends.

Holiday excursions via the P. D. and E. Ry. at cheap rates. Your ticket agent will tell you all about it. See him and get particulars.—2-dtf

It is a curious fact that there are no direct descendants of Napoleon, Wellington, Washington or Walter Scott.

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## TWENTY-SEVEN

# WILL KENT TO CLAIM INSANE

Murderer's Plea to F the Halter.

FUGITIVE AT SHAWNEE

Officers Believe the Young M Hiding, but Will Event Surrender—Letter From a Lawyer.

### CARLINVILLE, ILL., D

The sheriff of this county has information that leads him to think that Will Kent, the murderer, is hiding in southern Illinois in the vicinity of Shawneetown. Letter Judge H. H. Cowen from Kent some days after the was mailed on a Louisville a ville train. Judge Cowen receiving the letter, in which derer asks that the matter be of the courts. A Springfield named Houser says he saw the Sunday morning after the on a St. Louis, Peoria and train, en route to St. Louis. Know Kent, having attended college with him. Not be of the tragedy he attached nce to the meeting until af

The sheriff received a lo Joe L. Howell, a Shawnee tomy, which contains val formation. Howell descri and his peculiarities minut saw him on a Louisville a ville train, on the branch leads down to Shawneetown, Leansboro. Kent was in talked freely and displayed bills. He made rambling a which attracted the attent passengers, leading them to was a fugitive from justice. got off the train at Shawnee has been seen there sever since. Considerable importa tached to this letter of How writer asks for a descripti man and a picture, and as reward offered the man c had no other motive. It that Kent escaped on a b then took a train. It is b by close friends of the fa Kent will give himself up tured soon, and plead insu information comes from a but the authority can not The insanity plea could l well, as the bullet fired lodged at the base of his br.

## PEACE TREAT

Brief Outline of the Seven cles in the Important Doc

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The fo

brief are the provisions

articles of the treaty of pea

Article 1 provides for the

ment of Cuba.

Article 2 provides for the

Porto Rico.

Article 3 provides for the

the Philippines for \$20,000,

pensation.

Article 4 embraces the pl

cession of the Philippines,

the return of Spanish prison

hands of the Tagalos.

Article 5 deals with the

barracks, war materials, ar

buildings and all property

to the Spanish administra

Philippines.

Article 6 is a renunciatio